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TAGS: PDIP, CH, US

SUBJECT: DEATH OF CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG

REF: STATE 223128

1. THE PRC EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO HAS BEEN VERY LOW KEY IN ITS FUNERAL OBSERVANCE. IT NOTIFIED SEVERAL EMBASSIES - REPRESENTING COUNTRIES WITH WHOM THE PRC MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS -- BY LETTER ON SEPTEMBER 9 OF CHAIRMAN MAO'S DEATH AND MENTIONED DATES, TIMES AND PLACE WHERE THE CONDOLENCE BOOK COULD BE SIGNED. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ALSO RECEIVED NOTIFICATION. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, THE PRC EMBASSY DID NOT DO ANYTHING ELSE.

2. FOR ITS PART, THE GOC DECLARED THREE DAYS OF OFFICIAL MOURNING, COMMENCING ON SEPTEMBER 12. FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL, ACCCOMPANIED BY A PRESIDENTIAL MILITARY AIDE AND THE DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, SIGNED THE CONDOLENCE BOOK ON SEPTEMBER 9.

3. SINCE THE EMBASSY WAS NOT NOTIFIED OF THE CONDOLENCE BOOK, AND IN VIEW OF THE PRC AMBASSADOR'S LACK OF INTEREST IN CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY TO DATE, WE HAVE NOT OFFERED TO SIGN THE BOOK.

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